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# College Receives One-Third Million Dollars

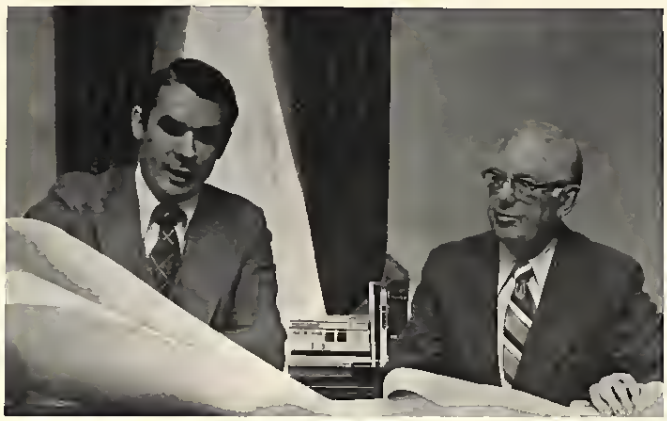
"I think it's a wonderful thing to be able to make a contribution to the welfare and development of humanity, especially to our young people. And I hope they in turn will do likewise in consideration of those who come after them."

So said A.T. Withrow, a Charlotte businessman, as he turned over to Gardner-Webb College real property valued at a third of a million dollars.

"I have tried to teach my three sons to come along and do the same thing, and I think they will. One of them already has."

A.T. Withrow is the kind of man upon whom this country rests, the kind of man that built the country into what it is today. Capitalist, opportunist, yes, but also a philanthropist of the highest sort. Christian, father, husband. All of these things he is.

"I believe that I have received fourfold or even more for what I have given away because of the happiness and satisfaction it has given me, as a direct result of having given what I have to Gardner-Webb and other Christian activities. I don't consider a gift as being anything special except complete satisfaction for doing something worthwhile. I am simply returning to God that which has been put in my care for a short time.



Pres. Craven Williams (L.) looks over the plans of Jackson Park Apartments with A.T. Withrow.

"It hurts me to hear of someone dying with money, dying, having made millions, and leaving nothing assigned to world betterment. I'm providing my children with only enough to prepare them to have the wonderful experience of doing worthwhile things.

"I get more fun giving my money away than spending it. I can see how the money is being used while I live. No telling what could happen to it after I die," said the 74-year old philanthropist.

What happened along the way to make A.T. Withrow the kind of giver he is to Christian education? Why to Gardner-Webb? "Well, it's one of the finest Christian schools in the Piedmont and it provides a great opportunity to young people.

"When I finished Forest City high school in 1921, there was very little chance for a poor student to continue his education." Withrow was one of nine children of a farmer. "I want to help today's youth realize the educational potential of their lives, and especially in the Piedmont section.

"Just before I finished high school, Capt. Benjamin L. Smith, principal of the school in Forest City, asked if I planned to go to college. I said, 'Yes, but I do not have the finances.' He said, 'If I can arrange for you to borrow the money, will you go?' So he made arrangements for me to borrow three hundred dollars a year from a student loan fund.

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# Homecoming Topped By 52-23 Win Over Eagles

Denise Mull of Morganton has two good reasons for that beautiful smile. She was crowned Homecoming Queen at halftime festivities October 22 during the football game between Gardner-Webb and Carson-Newman. Secondly, her team won over the Eagles 52-23. Denise's escort was Fred Glennon.

Freshman Robbie Barnes gains tough yards against Carson-Newman during the Homecoming game.

The stands were full; the crowd excited. There was music in the air, and the smell of popcorn. Pretty girls sat along the sideline.

It was Gardner-Webb's Homecoming, and the excited crowd was raised to a pitch as we made touchdown after touchdown. One dared not leave his seat.

The final score: 52 to 23, our favor.

The weekend all began on October 20 with the famous Pickwick Puppet Theater's presentation of "Arabian Nights."

Big Saturday began at 12:30 with a soccer match against Belmont Abbey. We lost that one 3 to 0.

The football game began at 2:30 in Spangler Stadium, highlighted by the crowning of the Queen, Denise Mull from Morganton.

Following the game there was a Pig Pickin' on the football practice field near the Stadium.

The weekend was climaxed with a concert in Bost Gymnasium featuring "Shiloh Morning" and the "Star Spangled Washboard Band."

# College Receives $100,000

**One of the choral groups rehearses at G-W.**

The College received a gift of $100,000 in early October which will be used to establish scholarships for students in the fine and performing arts The gift from an anonymous donor came in response to the Bold Dimensions in Higher Education Program recently announced

In making the announcement, President Craven Williams referred to the gift as a "significant step forward in the college's effort to attract highly qualified and talented students for the College's Department of Fine Arts This scholarship program will truly establish our Fine Arts Department as one of the most distinguished among undergraduate institutions"

The chairman of the Fine Arts Department, Dr. George Cribb, stated, "This scholarship will have a profound impact on the future growth of this department We look forward to actively seeking out those students with special gifts in music and the arts"

The Department offers courses in art, music, and speech A 16-member faculty offers work in theory, history, instrumental and choral work along with drama, arts and crafts In addition to several formal musical groups which tour throughout the U.S. and abroad, we are one of the few colleges in North Carolina with a full symphony orchestra

# Mrs. C.A. Brittain: A Patron Of The Arts

Mrs C A Brittain may drive a car over 14 years old, but she is determined to leave a memorial at Gardner Webb College in her husband's name Mrs Brittain, or mother Essie as her nine step children call her, has given the College money to establish a scholarship fund to assist students who are studying music.

"My husband loved music," she mused. "He loved to sing and for years and years was music director at Casar Baptist Church"

C A Brittain was never a wealthy man, materially speaking But he raised a fine family of 10 children on his earnings as postmaster at Casar and as owner of a small general store He died in 1970 at the age of 86 and left behind a legacy as postmaster at Casar for 30 years, pillar of the Casar Baptist Church and a gentle and loving father

"It's not as if I'm giving a $100,000 dollars, but I wanted to do what I could," Mrs. Brittain said as she sat in her cozy brick home on Casar's main street

Brittain had almost perfect attendance at Casar Baptist and even served as Sunday School superintendent for awhile, besides being music director

Mr Brittain came to Casar in 1904 from his native Burke County, and Mrs Brittain came in 1935 when she married him She was his third wife and he already had nine children from previous marriages

Mr. Brittain had weathered the death of two wives and mothers to his children

"I didn't know how I'd take care of all those children," Mrs. Brittain laughed At the age of 35, this was her first marriage At that time, four children were left in the home, but all the children called her mother

"When I first came to the home to meet the children, one of the youngest followed me around like a lamb 'I don't know who's going to marry you, Raymond or daddy,' the most talkative daughter said She spoke what ever came to her mind," Mrs Brittain laughed

It is obvious that Mrs Brittain loves every one of her step-children and that they love her "They all like to come home," she smiled

Mrs Brittain has a daughter, Marie, who is now director of financial aid at Gardner-Webb "They all love Marie," she commented "Once someone asked one of the boys if he was taking care of his little half sister 'She's not a half sister,' he said 'She's whole'"

Mrs Marie Martin (Mrs James L.) resides in Shelby

**Aunt Eller is surprised by Curly in the rehearsals for the musical "Oklahoma." (L. to R.) Beth Summers was Laurey; Dana Dillon as Aunt Eller and Mike Mitchell as Curly.**

Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical hit *Oklahoma* began the theatre season at Gardner Webb November 10-12, and the cast received standing ovations from the audience

The production, staged by Prof David Smith, set a climate in which theater art courses may again be available at the College The response for casting was so great that potential actors had to be called back to choose the best

Alpha Psi Omega, the national honorary fraternity for theater arts, planned to initiate a few members after the production A student earns points by acting or participating in technical work to join At the end of the academic year, APO gives Hammy Awards to outstanding actors and actresses in the Club

Dana Dillon, who played the part of Aunt Eller in *Oklahoma* and is president of Alpha Psi Omega, commented "The fact that the college continues to support these productions provides encouragement that maybe someday Gardner-Webb will put theatre art courses back on the curriculum"

## One-Third Million (Continued From Page 1.)

Withrow attended Trinity College (later Duke University) and graduated there in 1925 with a B S degree in Science He had finished pre-med and wanted to go to medical school but just couldn't afford it

All the way through school he had supported himself by selling belts and belt buckles, working at boarding houses, collecting laundry, shoveling snow and glass glazing. After finishing Duke, he taught science one year in Dallas, N C He then continued sales work even to the present time.

Success in selling followed success ("I've been fortunate," he says) The first year he sold aluminum cookware he won first place in sales in the Chicago organization His second year he won first place in sales in the country, even though there were over 2,000 salesmen of the company in the U S

In 1931 he married, but his first wife died childless in 1939 In the meantime, he started into the business of selling candy and in 1940 sold over one million pounds of candy and had 1,500 people working for him

In 1941, while working as foreman in charge of the glass works at Camp Davis in Wilmington, and Camp Lejeune, he met his second wife, Clara Lee Lennon "When I got married I quit my job and we honeymooned in Chicago I came back to Wilmington in 1942 and was in charge of the glass works in the shipyard."

In 1943, he built his first ten apartments at Carolina Beach But that wasn't all. He also went into the bail bonding business and income service "We made out 5,000 income tax returns the first year" In 1948, Withrow made his first cash gift of *$5,000 to Gardner Webb to establish the Withrow student loan* fund

*In 1960*, Withrow gave the college its first 32 apartments, only to give 30 more three years later Altogether he has given 110 apartments to Gardner Webb, including the last gift of 32 "I have none left," he said "I have given them all to Gardner Webb" he said modestly The apartments are located on prime land in west Charlotte

"I haven't done it for praise or recognition, only for the feeling that it is doing my part in helping humanity better itself I had the same thing done for me I had to borrow money to go to college I want to make it possible for others to be able to borrow money to go I feel like I wouldn't have accomplished nearly as much as I have without my college education"

Two of the Withrow children are pursuing medical studies and one is in business

In addition to generous giving at Gardner Webb, Tom Withrow has set up a $50,000 educational loan fund at Pritchard Baptist Church in Charlotte to help young people get an education He also gives to Duke University and the UNC Medical School, Southern Seminary and to many individual boys and girls.

"All my gifts are going to Christian education except to the UNC Medical School," he says.

Withrow has a lot to give but perhaps the greatest gift he has given is the example he is to others.

# Biblical Scholarship Funded

**(L. to R.) Dr. B E. Morris, Pres. Craven Williams and The Rev. Nane Starnes of Asheville.**

Gifts totalling $100,000 and honoring Dr B E Morris have been given to Gardner Webb College to establish the B E Morris Biblical Scholar program

Income from the endowed fund will be used to support the B E Morris Biblical Scholar The scholar will spend a semester each year on the campus He or she will teach and counsel with students, especially those anticipating careers in church related vocations.

Dr Williams also announced that the first scholar would be the Rev Nane Starnes of Asheville, N C

Dr Robert Knott, academic vice president and dean of Gardner-Webb, noted that this program will help ministers and ministerial students deal with specific, practical issues in their churches

Dr Knott added, "We feel particularly fortunate to have a person of Nane Starne's stature to inaugurate the program"

The Rev Starnes was pastor of the West Asheville Baptist Church for 35 years He retired in 1971

At times, he has served as a member of the boards of trustees at Wake Forest University and Mars Hill College Currently, he is a member of the board of trustees of the Baptist Homes.

For two years he was president of the general board of the N C Baptist State Convention He served two terms as president of the N C Baptist State Convention and two terms on the executive board of the Southern Baptist Convention

He worked one year in Japan as pastor of an English-speaking church

He is a graduate of Union University and of Southwestern Seminary The Rev Starnes will join the Gardner Webb faculty for a semester beginning in January

The Rev B E Morris, for whom the scholarship is named, was a visiting scholar at Gardner-Webb from September 1973 until May 1977 He was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree from G-W at the fall convocation of 1976

Now residing in Charlotte, he has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Asheboro, pastor of the Western Avenue Baptist in Statesville, pastor of Greystone Baptist in Durham and dean and New Testament interpreter at the Fruitland Baptist Institute near Hendersonville Since retiring in 1957, he has held over twenty interim pastorates.

The Rev Morris has been active and held offices in several civic and religious organizations, including the presidency of the Inter-denominational conference in Durham, N C.

# Continuing Ed Program Begun

Dr Larry L Sale, professor of education and chairman of the department of education, has been appointed to the newly created post, Director of Continuing Education and Summer School

Commenting upon the new position, Academic Vice President and Dean Robert Knott noted, "Gardner Webb has many educational resources which need to be made available to the broader community of learners in the states of North and South Carolina We look forward to exciting developments in our continuing education program as Dr Sale leads in establishing new learning opportunities for those who are interested in additional educational services from Gardner-Webb College."

Dr Sale is president of the Boiling Springs chapter of Phi Delta Kappa International, a professional fraternity for educators

He joined the faculty at Gardner-Webb in 1971 as professor in education For the past 10 consecutive summers he has served as teaching consultant to the School of Continuing Education at the University of Virginia He has had extensive work as consultant to Public School Divisions in Virginia

Recently he signed a contract with the Charles E Merrill Publishing Co to publish a middle school curriculum textbook

The book is designed to serve as an adopted text for undergraduate level courses in middle school teaching methods and middle school curriculum

# Choral Activity Is Bountiful

**Gardner-Webb sponsored the seventh annual Choral Clinic on Nov. 2 and 3. High schools in Cleveland, Rutherford and Cherokee (S.C.) counties participated. Dr. Howard Swan, recently retired as director of choral activities at California State University, conducted the clinic.**

The largest choral group on the Gardner Webb College campus performed a varied program of religious and patriotic music at the Chapel on campus on Tuesday, November 21

David Smith of the music faculty at Gardner-Webb sang three solos and did three dramatic readings as the chorus sang

The men's chorus sang three numbers "Stouthearted Men," "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," and the spiritual, "Old Ark's a-Moverin'." The chorus was accompanied by piano and organ

The College Chorus will sing six concerts in area churches, as well as two home concerts and four other campus concerts, combined with other choral groups

**The College's Chamber Chorus gave three concerts November 13 in area churches. The Chorus is one of three choral groups on campus. Since its formation four years ago, the chamber chorus has performed for more than 15,000 people One of the features of the 1977-78 concert program was the story of Noah told in drama and music. David Cruse (foreground) performs Noah.**

# College Is Prepared For The Deaf Program

**Kim (R.) and interpreter Rachel (L.) are roommates and share many classes together.**

Gardner Webb wasn't ready for Kim Lida, but Kim was ready for Gardner-Webb. We finally found it impossible to say no to her.

We even like the idea.

Kim was determined to attend a college with a deaf program, preferably one that is church-related.

But the nearest school that fit her specifications was in Dallas, Tex., and since her family is in Rock Hill, S.C., that seemed a long way to go. Then she heard Gardner-Webb was beginning a program.

"We really weren't ready to begin our program for the deaf until 1978-79," said President Williams. "But Kim heard about it and asked to be admitted. Since she wasn't totally deaf and wanted to come ahead, we said okay. We were planning to use this year to prepare, but Kim's experience will lead us to a better program," he commented.

Sometimes Kim has as much as 70 percent of normal hearing with the help of a hearing aid. Strangely, her hearing appears and disappears and doesn't seem to have any rhyme or reason. "It just comes and goes," Kim shrugged. "I can never tell when I'll be hearing. Sometimes it'll come for several days and then I'll be totally deaf for several days."

Not only can Kim hear partially at times, but she is adept at reading lips. Fortunately, Kim could hear until she was about two. Then she contracted German measles and was struck by deafness. She had already managed to learn something of a language in a hearing environment.

Unlike many deaf students, Kim talks clearly. Kim is luckier than most deaf people. Her younger brother, age 19, was struck with the same disease and is totally deaf. He talks but is not understandable.

To help Kim out with her classes, the College has provided her with able interpreters. One of her interpreters is Rachel Schlafer. A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, she is also a freshman and Kim's roommate. Though Rachel has perfect hearing, she has learned well the art of sign language. She sits in front of Kim during class and interprets on her hands and mouths the words of the professor. Another aid is the tape recording of every class lecture. Then, if Kim has a question later, Rachel has the tape recording to refer to.

Rachel learned sign language at Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy in Seymour, Tennessee. Her best friend in the academy was deaf and she had to learn to communicate. Rachel watched the interpreters in her classes rather than her teachers. When she heard of Gardner-Webb's new program for the deaf, she became interested. She would like to have a career working with the deaf, perhaps children.

Kim's father is a minister in Rock Hill, S.C., he is also a senior at Gardner-Webb. He knows what it is to wish for a good education, and he certainly wished it as early as possible for his daughter.

The deaf program at Gardner-Webb had its real birth on a Sunday morning. Dr. Williams was watching Jerry Potter's program for the deaf on television, "Light Unto My Path," when it occured to him: "Why not a program at our college for the deaf? The next day he called Jerry Potter, who is director of deaf ministries for the North Carolina Baptist Convention.

Potter jumped at the chance to begin helping with a program for the deaf at a Baptist-supported liberal arts college. It had long been a dream.

Every Monday, Jerry drives up from his home in Thomasville, N.C., to work as coordinator for the deaf program at Gardner-Webb. For three hours every Monday night, he teaches a class in Manual Communication (sign language) to hearing students.

At a college where many young people wish to pursue church-related vocations, there has been good response for the first year. About seventy people took the class in the summer and about fifty are enrolled in the fall class. Almost half the students are auditing the course, they are simply there to learn what they can about the deaf.

"I hope that within a few years almost 80 percent of the students will be able to understand sign language," states Potter. "I hope that we'll have some professors who will learn sign language and be able to use it in class. We already have three professors in our present sign language class," Potter exclaimed.

Dr. Williams commented that he "fully expects many of our students and faculty will learn sign language so our deaf students will feel right at home on the Gardner-Webb campus."

It is estimated that there are more than 12,000 people in North and South Carolina with hearing impairments. According to Dr. Williams, many of these are fully capable of college level work.

"There will be no special courses or programs specifically for the deaf or from which the deaf will be excluded," he said. "We are not adding something to our program or curriculum. We are only adding another medium of communication, another dimension, which will enable us to serve the needs of another group of students who have been overlooked too long."

**Kim and Rachel enjoy a light conversation in sign language.**

**Kim is on a work-study scholarship, and she works in the cafeteria. As a footnote, Kim was chosen to be the Freshman representative at the Homecoming game.**

# Deaf Ministry Carries Gospel

**Youth Revival Team (L. to R.) Kim Lida, Pressly Stutts, David Cruse, Denise Mull and Rachel Schlafer.**

Thousands of deaf people who have not heard the gospel of Jesus Chnst may now be able to, due to the efforts of some young people at Gardner-Webb College Five youths, assisted by the campus minister, are embarking upon a pioneer revival program exclusively for the deaf

One of the five volunteer young people will preach in voice and sign language simultaneously; others will give their personal testimony on how knowing Chnst has effected their lives Songs will be lead in sign language

Following the service, there will be a fellowship social where games and other activities will be lead by the young volunteers

While the program is to be carried out under the auspices of the Baptist Student Union and will be conducted by young people, the audience will not be limited to the young The group hopes to be able to reach all ages with its message

Those leading the ministry are David Cruse, Mooresville, N C , Kim Lida, Rock Hill, S.C , Denise Mull, Morganton, N.C ; Rachel Schlafer, Knoxville, Tenn.; and Pressley Stutts, Mooresville, N.C Kim Lida is deaf All are students at Gardner Webb College

The program will be part of FOCUS (Fellowship of Christians United in Service)

The campus ministry will send out a letter to a number of churches informing them of the availability of this kind of witnessing The program will be available for churches simply for the cost of food and lodging for the five Interested churches can request the ministry and suggest a date for the deaf revival

The ministry will also be carried to four schools for the deaf in North and South Carolina.

Jerry Potter, who heads the ministry for the deaf of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, will be assisting with the program. "These young people will try to influence the lives of those they touch," he commented. "We want to show both the deaf and the hearing what we are trying to do with young people at college"

Potter said the ministry for deaf revivals will begin as soon as they can get churches to sponsor the youth "We're very excited about the prospects," commented the Rev Charles (Buddy) Freeman, Gardner-Webb's college minister who will be assisting with the program. "We look upon this as an important part of our witnessing for Jesus Chnst"

Interested churches should contact The Rev Buddy Freeman at the College

**(L. to R.) Tony Brown, reader; Allen Setzer, station manager; Katie Jones, reading and Al Wylie.**

# Radio Program Begins For Blind

"Sometimes it takes my wife more than an hour to read from the Shelby paper," said Al Wylie of Shelby, who is blind "It really is going to help both my wife and me to have an audio newspaper service in our local area," he declared

Gardner-Webb College started a radio reading service for the blind and physically handicapped on October 31 The program is on WGWG-FM, 88 3 on the FM dial, Monday through Fnday at 11.

"We have no other time right now to read magazines and other things we'd like to get to," commented Wylie If we have a radio reading service that reads the local papers to us, we'll have more time to get to other things both my wife and I are interested in," he noted

"It takes quite awhile, maybe two hours, to read the Charlotte paper on Sunday, and that's just the things you're interested in," he said "If the children are here, they can help out with the reading"

Wylie's son Jeff is a sophomore at Gardner Webb studying psychology, but his daughter Gaylin is away at Southwestern Seminary studying religious education Gaylin completed her degree in religious education at Gardner Webb last year. Wylie's wife Polly is secretary to the registrar at the College

"I heard two blind people from Syracuse, New York, talking about their radio reading service," Wylie commented They were talking about stories, newspapers and magazines they had heard on radio You know, it does help if you're more informed and don't just have to sit off in a corner somewhere when people are discussing things," he said

Wylie wants to be as informed as he can, especially on local issues "This is where Gardner-Webb's local audio newspaper for the blind and physically handicapped will really come in handy"

Readers are volunteers, mostly from the student body and staff of Gardner-Webb, though townspeople are invited to participate Readers gather their own material for reading

Anyone in the Boiling Springs-Shelby area who is interested in helping to read should contact Allen Setzer, station manager. The telephone number of the radio station is 434-2349 Readers are urgently needed

# New Members Of Ministerial Board Elected

On November 10, the Ministenal Board of Associates elected nineteen new members

Among the alumni elected are The Rev J.C Jones, pastor of Greenway Baptist Church in Boone ('72); the Rev. Leroy Denton, pastor of Weaverville Baptist Church ('56); the Rev John Edwards, pastor of Victory Baptist Church in Asheville ('71), and the Rev T Max Linnens, pastor of Boiling Spnngs Baptist Church ('52)

Among the stated purposes of the Board is to help the College keep a close relationship with the Baptist churches in the region and to help the College fulfill its stated purpose

Members of the Board are ordained ministers who represent churches from the region.

Part of their goal is to help interpret the College and its programs to the people of the churches

In addition the Board can recommend changes or suggest action for consideration by the administration and the board of trustees

The Ministerial Board of Associates is composed of a hundred members divided into four standing committees. church-college relations, tone and character, curriculum and ministenal education, and scholarship

A quarter of the Board rotates off each year to make room for new members

# A Baptist At A Jewish Seminary

What is it like to be the only Gentile around? Dr. Dan Proctor, Hebrew and Greek instructor at Gardner-Webb, can certainly tell you. He spent a unique five weeks this summer studying at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. He was one of two Gentiles in his class and the only Gentile in his dormitory.

He was there to take two courses one in modern Hebrew and one in the Jewish liturgy, a study of the Jewish prayer book.

Dr. Proctor took advantage of the faculty development fund. The fund was established after Dr. Williams refused to spend money designated for his inauguration.

"We tried to learn from each other. I came out with a greater appreciation of them," he ackowledged. "I learned that Judaism is not a monolith and they learned that Christianity is not.

"They tend to speak of the church in terms of the Roman Catholic Church. There are different factions in Judaism, just as in Christianity.

The Jewish Theological Seminary is the headquarters for conservative Judaism," he noted.

He feels that his five weeks at the Jewish seminary helped him as an individual. "To live in an environment where your beliefs are not taken for granted causes you to re-examine your faith, and a reaffirmation is a logical result of that. My freedom as a Christian as against the rigid observation of the law as required of the Jewish people has given me a deeper appreciation of Christianity," he affirmed.

While he was there, Dr. Proctor observed Kashruth, the rules you abide by to keep kosher. For instance, he had to eat with two sets of utensils, one for meat and one for diary products. "You aren't supposed to mix meat and milk products," he said. "You have to leave off 'unclean' meat, such as pork. The blood has be be drawn out of beef and only certain cuts of beef are looked upon as kosher.

He acknowledged that the worship service was quite formal from what he was used to. Of course, the liturgy is formal and in Hebrew. "I was only in one synagogue that was not segregated. Of course, the segregation is between men and women. Women do not sit with the men in orthodox synagogues. They sit either in the balcony or on the other side. The reason for the segregation is so that the men will not be distracted from their prayers," he commented.

"There is much greater participation (on the part of the congregation) in the synagogue service. There are many people who have an individual part in it, as well as the public chanting," he observed. "They do things very, very precisely and exactly. And there are times when they are not to stop their recitation even if a king should speak to them, unless it is under threat of death."

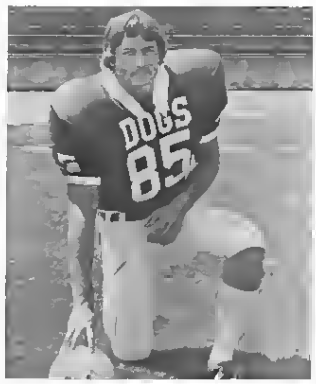
Dr. Proctor observed that their concept of punishment in the hereafter is also quite different: "Their punishment in the hereafter is limited to one year, followed by a life of eternal bliss. A person that is 51% good would be exposed to no punishment in the hereafter. They do not have a sense of 'lostness.'

"All Jews are more interested in this life than in the one to come. That is why they are very active in social reform, the civil rights movement and so forth.

"Their leading value concept," he noted, "is making the name of God holy, to bring honor upon the name of God. Their view of being the chosen people is not that they deserve it, but a responsibility which they accept."

Of the general atmosphere of the Seminary, Dr. Proctor's impression was very positive. "People talk of southern hospitality, but I have never been accepted any place with greater warmth or consideration."

**Ray Pople, director of counseling and atudent activities, enjoys Robin Mikalunas' playing.**




## Walker Not Giving Up

This has been an unlucky two years for football player Monte Walker. During the fourth game last year, he broke his ankle and was out for the rest of the season. During the second game of this season, the defensive end seriously injured his knee. He was out for the rest of his senior year. His football career, shortlived, was glorious, but now it is probably over for good.

What does he plan to do now? "I'm hitting the books and looking for a job in anticipation of graduating.

"I may go to graduate school next fall. I'd like to go to UNC at Chapel Hill in business administration.

Monte made all the other Gardner-Webb games. He had a brother playing. His brother, Marc, a junior at Gardner-Webb, plays offensive flanker.

"I just wonder why it had to happen to me again," he murmured. He had an operation on his knee and had a cast nearly up to his waist. He was out of commission for four weeks.

You couldn't help but feel sorry for the kid. It's a tough break to be out of the games for the rest of his final year in college. But you admire him, too, for not giving up, not going sour.

"He had a good chance of being named an all-American," his roommate, David McLester of Oakboro, commented. "He made all-conference in his sophomore year.

Coach Oval Jaynes remarked, "Monte is certainly a credit to Gardner-Webb, his high school and his parents. He's a complete person. It's unusual that you find a football player who is not only a good player, but a good student and fine student leader. I'm just sorry that we've lost him," Jaynes mourned. "You don't get many people like him."

# Football Season Ends With 7-4 Record

**by Larry Thomas**

The football Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb equalled the record for most wins in a season with a 7-4 overall mark.

Senior running back Johnny Walker, 5-11, 200 pounds, from Mooresville, N.C., has provided much of the offensive spark, setting ten individual records. Records set or broken include. Most yards rushing single game, 234; most rushing attempts, single game, 29, most yards rushing, season, 1360, and most touchdowns rushing, career, Walker needed just 23 in his career, Walker needed just 23 more in the final game of the season to break Frank Taylor's career mark of 2602.

Bill Salyers, senior safety from St. Paul, Va., broke the school record for most interceptions in a single game with four thefts against Newberry in the second game of the season. He now has seven for the year.

Two team records fell this year. Most yards rushing in a single game, 406 vs. Catawba, and fewest first downs allowed, 4 by Glenville State in the season opener.

The Bulldogs travelled to Glenville, West Virginia to open the season and came away with a 38-7 win. Newberry was next at home. The Indians came up on the short end this time when Mike Cox kicked a 47 yard field goal in the closing minutes to edge out a win, 9-7.

Mars Hill was next, and the lack of a consistent offense took its toll. The Lions shut out the 'Dogs for the first time since the 1975 season, winning 14-0. A venture into Virginia to face the Baptist of Liberty brought another win, 22-7.

Lenoir-Rhyne came to Boiling Springs to avenge a 76-6 drubbing of a year ago but came away on the short end again, losing 42-7.

The sixth game was in Salisbury with the Catawba Indians, a team Gardner-Webb had never beaten. Results: GW 27, Catawba 20.

Homecoming was next, with the Carson-Newman Eagles, the unhappy recipient of a 51-23 thrashing. The 'Dogs were 6-1 and ranked 10th in the NAIA.

A trip to Elon for a game which would probably decide the SAC-8 race and possibly a national playoff spot, produced a heartbreaking loss at the hands of the Christians, 27-7.

Back Home the next week, the Bulldogs had to face the team which had thoroughly beaten Elon earlier, the Presbyterian Blue Hose. The Gardner-Webb eleven tightened up and played their best game of the season to come away with a 17-0 win.

The tenth game of the season could very well have catapulted the 'Dogs back into the playoff picture, but a 20-17 loss to the Tigers of Georgetown took care of that.

The final game of the 1977 season saw the 'Dogs take a heart-breaking loss at the hands of the Terriers of Wofford 7-6. The loss put the season record at 7-4 and an eighteenth place finish in the final NAIA regular season poll.

# The Spirit of Christmas

. . . is the glow and warmth you feel amid the chill of the air, the peace of the heart in knowing you show that you care. In the words of a Christmas carol, "the secret of Christmas is not the things you do at Christmas time, but the Christmas things you do all year through."

*. . . I was a stranger, and ye took me in.*

**The Rev. Buddy Freeman, campus minister, counsels students and helps them in times of distress.**

*. . . I was sick, and ye visited me.*

**Nursing students attend patients in area hospitals to learn proper techniques in nursing care. Nurse, Donna Harbin; patient, Susan Herndon; nursing instructor, Mrs. Shirley Toney.**

*For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink.*

**Jim Rash, professor of art, has formed a group at Boiling Springs Baptist Church which has been inviting about 20 patients from Broughton Hospital every month for supper and entertainment. Occasionally, he takes them to football games.**

*. . . I was in prison, and ye came unto me.*

**Part of the campus ministry is to serve the needs of those in jails. Bob Cooke, student, heads the jail ministry from the campus.**

*. . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*

St. Matthew 25:35 ff.

**President Craven Williams visits with students every Monday in the cafeteria to talk over their problems and hear what they have to say.**

# Alumni Update

## THE 30's

**George Blanton, Jr., '33,** president of First National Bank, Shelby, was elected chairman of the G-W Board of Advisors

**Mrs. Earle A. Hamrick, Sr., '32,** of Shelby, has retired from the G-W Board of Advisors

## THE 40's

**Dorothy B. Austell, '41,** an agent for Pilot Life Insurance Co., Raleigh, has been named to the G-W Board of Trustees. Ms. Austell is co-chairperson of the finance committee of First Baptist Church, active in the Y.W.C.A., Girl Scouts, the American Legion, Wake County Democratic Women and other civic activities. In 1964 she was named Woman of the Year in Raleigh

**W.S. Barkley, '49,** of Hickory, and **Dr. John E. Roberts, '49,** of Greenville, have retired from the G-W Board of Advisors

**Doris L. Finger, '49,** has been appointed as production assistant of the United States Hosiery Company. She was formerly associated with the United State Hosiery from Hutchens Hosiery in Newton, where she was responsible for yarn purchasing and control. She and her husband, Dodds Finger, Jr., live in Maiden

## THE 50's

**Dr. Donald G. Cheek, '59,** of Statesville, and **Ronald Hawkins, '55,** of Statesville, have retired from the G-W Board of Advisors

**Robert B. Holder, '54,** assistant supenntendent of schools in Mt. Airy, has been named to the Gardner-Webb Board of Trustees. He received his B.A. from Wake Forest in 1960 and his M.A. from Wake Forest in 1969. He is presently enrolled in a six-year program at UNC-Greensboro in educational administration and will complete his studies in 1978. In 1975 he was named Alumnus of the Year for Franklin High School in Surry County and in 1972 he was named Teacher of the Year in Mt. Airy.

**Ray H. Rollins, '57,** has been named city editor of the Winston-Salem Journal. He headed the Journal's Davidson County news bureau for 12 years and has won first-place statewide prizes for both news reporting and column writing.

**James M. (Mike) Logan, '59,** has been promoted to the position of general manager of Kellwood Company's Lingerie Division. Logan joined Kellwood in 1968 as lingene division assistant. He and his wife Gail, formerly of Mooresboro, have four children.

## THE 60's

**The Rev. Neal E. Eller, '61,** assumed the pastorate of Diamond Hill Baptist Church, Aug. 14. He has served for the past eight-and-one half years as pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church in Kernersville. He is married to the former Faye Bolick, a native of Catawba County, and they have three children.

**O. Max Gardner, III, '65,** of Shelby, **Ralford Troutman, '66,** of Concord, have been elected to the G-W Board of Advisors

**Don Ledbetter, '66,** has accepted the position of minister at New Bethel Baptist Church in Lawndale. Ledbetter was formerly associated with Boylan Heights Baptist Church in Raleigh. He received his A.A. degree from Gardner-Webb College, his B.A. from Carson-Newman College and his Master of Divinity from Southwestern Seminary in Wake Forest. He is married to the former Dianne White of Woodland, who also has a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary.

**Harry Maurice Nanney, '60,** has graduated from Indiana University with a degree in Marketing. He spent three years in the Marines and has been with MacAllister Machinery Co. since 1970. He is married to the former Susan Robinson of Indianapolis. They have two children, Karen and Lisa.

**The Rev. Stanley Webb, '61,** of Shelby, has retired from the G-W Board of Advisors.

## THE 70's

**The Rev. LaCount Anderson, '77,** joined the staff of the Enon Chapel Baptist Church, Aug. 1, as minister of music and education. During the years 1975-77, Anderson served as assistant to Dr. Phil Pernn, director of the Gardner-Webb college touring choir. Rev. Anderson appeared as guest soloist on radio, television and in evangelistic crusades throughout Georgia and Florida. Rev. Anderson will reside in the Midway Park area.

**Dr. Lloyd C. Bost, '71,** president of Bost Bakery, Inc., Shelby, has been elected to the G-W Board of Trustees. Dr. Bost received an honorary degree from G-W in 1971. He is a member of the Board of Deacons at First Baptist Church. He has served three previous terms on the Board of Trustees. He has been a member and chairman of the executive committee of the Board and a member and chairman of the finance committee. He served as chairman of the Board for four years.

**Rodney Boutwell, '73,** has assumed duties as minister of music and youth at Calvary Baptist Church, 703 Buick Ave., Kannapolis. He is married to the former Sylvia Everhart of Salisbury, and the couple has two children—Donna, 11, and John, 9. The Boutwells are making their home at 1507 Huntington Road.

**The Rev. Ray H. Craig, '74,** has accepted the position of pastor at South China Grove Baptist Church in Kannapolis. He was formerly pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church of Ahoskie. He is married to the former Nora Curtiss of Lenoir, and the couple has three daughters, Kim, Karren and Kellie.

**Gerald L. Hamilton, '71,** graduated June 4, from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Louisville, Kentucky, with a master of church music degree. He is now serving as minister of music at Edenton Baptist Church, Edenton, N.C. His wife, Jane, is serving as organist.

**The Rev. George F. Magill, '74,** accepted the position as pastor of the North Clinton Avenue Baptist Church on Aug. 28. He had been pastor of the Broad River Baptist Church in Smyrna, S.C. for the past two years. Magill is married to Sarah Towery Magill and they have four children.

**Career Day on campus for high school juniors, seniors, guidance counselors, pastors and youth directors was held November 3. Some G-W students took advantage of the opportunity and looked into employment or further study. There were seminars in such areas as how you can determine your abilities, how to prepare for an interview and other basic information. A number of booths served as information and resource centers representing several graduate schools, study areas and businesses. Pictured is the booth for teacher education.**

**Dr. R. Patrick Spangler, '72,** has been elected Chairman of the G.W. Board of Trustees for his eighth term. A Shelby native, Dr. Spangler is treasurer of Spangler & Sons, Inc., president of Spangler's Ready-Mix Concrete, Inc. and President of Shelby Sand and Stone, Inc. He was awarded an honorary degree from G-W in 1972, he has served the college in numerous ways besides serving on the Board of Trustees. There is a scholarship named in honor of the Spangler family and the Ernest W. Spangler Stadium is named in honor of his father.

**Gaylin Wylie, '77,** is currently enrolled in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. She is working on her Master's in Religious Education. She is employed at the Birchman Avenue Baptist Church in the Day Care Program. While at Gardner-Webb, she was president of the B.S.U., a member of Alpha Chi, the honor scholarship society, named to Who's Who and participated in many other college activities.

# Marriages

**Steve Byron Fuller, '70,** to Beverly Jane Warner, Aug. 14. He is employed at Fuller Pulpwood Company in Tobaccoville. She is employed at the Davidson County Public Library. The Fullers reside at 2140 Fiddler's Court Apt. C in Winston-Salem.

**Sherry Jean Beason, '72,** to Brian Jeffrey Baron, Aug. 7. She is employed as an English teacher at Bessemer City High School in Gaston County. He is employed by Park Royal Hat and Sportswear Co., of Baltimore, Md. The couple resides at 1 Woodstream Court, Owings Mall, Md.

**David M. Blake, Jr., '73,** to Connie Yvonne Register, August 14. He is employed with Etna Oil Company in Wallace. The couple resides in Wallace.

**Ivan Earl Wilson, Jr., '73** to **Mary Lanita Wright, '74,** July 23. She is employed by Spartanburg County School System Number One, at Inman Elementary School. He is employed by Spartanburg County School System Number Two, at Hendrix Elementary School.

**Janet Nira Bolin, '74,** to Walter Kevin Walker, Aug. 21. She is charge nurse at Gaston Memorial Hospital. He is employed as a forest ranger by the U.S. Government. The couple resides at 1034 Garrison Blvd., Gastonia.

**Ricky James Bullin, '74,** to Sandra Lee Stepp, Sept. 3. He is employed by Dixie of Asheboro as a manager trainee. She is employed with Dixie Furniture Co. of Asheboro. They reside at 426 Central Ave., Asheboro.

**Danny Lawrence Ham, '74,** to Carla Maria Boheler, Aug. 14. He is employed by Wendell Fabrics Corporation. She is associated with Oxford Company of Gaffney. The couple resides at Route 2, in Spartanburg.

**Donna Alane Swope, '74,** to Richard Bradley Ruser, Aug. 13. She is employed by Miller and Rhoads Co. in Fayetteville. He was formerly with the 82nd. Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg and will be with Kelly Springfield. The couple resides in Fayetteville.

**William F. Yelton, '74,** to Gail Brookshire Gear, July 30. He is employed by Wall's Television of Greensboro. She is presently attending Ashemore Business College. The couple resides at Westchester Key Apartments in High Point, N.C.

**James Wesley Edmonds, '75,** to **Susan Marie Falconio, '77,** Aug. 7. He is employed by Duke Power Company. She is employed with the N.C. Baptist Home for the Aging as secretary to the director of public relations and development, the Rev. Ralph L. Cannon. The couple resides in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**Faith Christine Givens, '75,** to Jerry Tallez Avalos, Sept. 3. She is employed at the Winston-Salem Health Care Plan, Inc., as a medical technologist. He is employed at Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital as laboratory supervisor. The couple resides at 3821 Sheraton Street, Winston-Salem.

**Robert Tim Gregory, '76,** to Jacqueline Louise Hullender, Aug. 19. She is employed by Sana's Beauty Shop in Gaffney. He is a sales representative with WASCO of Nashville, Tenn. The couple resides at 103 Robinhood Lane, Gaffney.

**Bill K. Baucom, Jr., '77** to **Martha Jane Motley, '76,** July 23. He is employed by Southland Associates. She plans to teach in the Durham County Schools. The couple will reside in Durham, N.C.

**Thomas Walter Brashier, Jr., '77** to **Mary Jane Avery, '77,** Oct. 29. He is pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Hwy. 11, Greenville, S.C. The couple will make their home on Lora Lane, Berea, S.C.

**Curtis Dean Camp, '77,** to Susan Nanette Morrow, Aug. 7. He will attend Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest. She is employed in the offices of Matthews-Belk, Dixie Village. The couple will reside at 3100 Cabinet Drive, Wakefield Apartments, Raleigh, N.C.

**Hilda June Carroll, '77,** to Timothy Ralph Lail, Aug. 27. He is employed by Coca-Cola in Shelby. She is teaching at Twelve Oaks Academy in Shelby. The couple will reside at Rt. 3, Shelby, N.C.

**James Lewis Cranford, '77,** to **Cynthia Ann Voorhes, '77,** Aug. 27. He is employed by Deering-Milliken Co. in Lockhart, S.C., as a supervisor trainee. They will reside in Union, S.C.

**Edward Lee Fleming, '77,** to Julianne Garrett, Aug. 20. He is employed by Duke Power Company in Charlotte and plans to continue to his education at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She will continue her education at UNC at Charlotte. The couple resides in Charlotte.

**Roy Wade Smith, '77,** to **Hope Marine Hopkins, '76,** Aug. 6. A senior at Gardner-Webb College, he is employed at Rose's Department Store. She received a B.S. degree from Gardner-Webb in May. The couple will reside in Boiling Springs, N.C.

**John David Stallings, '77,** to Melanie Ann Swain, Aug. 14. He is a Gardner-Webb senior. He is employed by R.S. Central High School as an assistant coach. She is employed by the Rutherford County Department of Social Services. The couple resides in Forest City, N.C.

**Teresa Ann Teague, '77,** to Laurence Geoffrey Lee, Sept. 11. She received her B.S. in mathematics and data processing. He is employed as meteorologist by the National Weather Service in Anchorage, Alaska.

**Pamela Yvonne Watterson, '77,** to Robert L. Runyan, Jr., Aug. 6. He is associated with the architectural firm of Hollowy Reeves in Raleigh. The couple resides in Raleigh.

**Tab Truet Whitley, '77,** to Pamela Sue Goodnight, Aug. 20. He is to enter graduate school at Wake Forest. She is employed with Wachovia Bank in Winston-Salem. The couple will reside in Clemmons, N.C.

**John Kevin Wortman, '78,** to Rhonda Paxton Elliott, Aug. 27. He is employed by Dover Mill. She is employed by Traywick, Henshaw, Ellis and Spangler, PA. The couple resides at 7 Hawkins St., Shelby, N.C.

**Zim Zimmerman, '77** and **Debra Kay Grady, '77** were married in June. Zim, who was twice an All-American golfer at GWC, is now assistant golf professional at Rock Barn Golf Club in Hickory.

# Births

**Teresa Helen Matkins Benton, '74,** and husband Barry, announce the birth of twin boys, *Ashley Carlton* and *Aaron Christopher*, born Aug. 24. Teresa is a first grade teacher at Oak Hill Elementary School. Barry is a production controller at Southern Cabinet Co. in Hickory, N.C.

**R. Bruce Bowers, '68,** and wife, Jenny, announce the birth of their son, *Robert Oliver*, October 11. Bowers is associated with WBTV in Charlotte.

**Charlie Hoffler, '75,** and wife, Vickie, announce the birth of their daughter, *Tobi Erin* August 27, 1977. Hoffler is presently enrolled at Southwestern Seminary and expects to graduate in July 1978.

**Vickie Diane Hinson Sanders, '74,** and husband Sammie E. Sanders, of the United States Navy, announce the birth of their son on July 27.

**Gabriel J. Sontanella, '74,** and his wife, **Carolyn T. Sontanella, '72,** announce the birth of their daughter, *Alyson Lois*, born Sept. 11. The Sontanella's are residing in Asheboro.

Buren Roger Vassey and his wife **Jackie Maxwell Vasey, '70,** announce the birth of a daughter, *Summer Lee*, born June 15, 1977. The Vassey's live in Shelby.

**Larry W. Wood, '72,** and **Cynthia Alexander Wood, '75,** announce the birth of their son, *Larry Brandon Wood*, September 18. Larry is Director of Personnel at Spectrum Textured Fibers, Inc. in Kings Mountain. Cindy is a third-grade teacher at East Elementary School.

**Marion Williams, '72,** and his wife, **Donna Yvonne Turner Williams, '73,** announce the birth of a daughter, *Elizabeth Adair*, Nov. 2. The Williams live in Greer, S.C.

**Football players stand proudly by their parents during the national anthem.**

**Edward Keith Mendenhall, '75,** to Teresa Dale Dennis, Sept. 11. Both are employed by Cone Mills, Inc. The couple will reside in Greensboro.

**Randall Lee Alexander, '76,** to **Melanie Dawn Williams, '77,** July 23. He graduated with a degree in physical education. She graduated with a degree in sociology. The couple resides in Boiling Springs, N.C.

**William Talmadge Fowler, Jr., '76,** to **Melissa Jane Raines, '76,** Aug. 13. He is doing graduate work at the University of South Carolina in the department of chemistry. She is employed by the S.C. Baptist Hospital as a registered nurse. The couple will reside in Columbia, S.C.

employed at Community Cash Warehouse. She is employed by South Carolina National Bank in the bookkeeping department.

**Rebecca Ann Gearren, '77,** to **William Allen Gunter, '78,** Aug. 13. She is director of youth and children at the Connth Baptist Church in Ellenboro. He is a current student at Gardner-Webb. The couple will reside in Boiling Springs.

**Judson Vipperman High, Jr., '77** to **Janie Lynn Harrill, '77,** Aug. 7. He will receive his B.S. degree in intermediate education from Gardner-Webb in December. She is employed by Gaston County Schools. The couple resides on Cambridge Square in Gastonia, N.C.

**Karen Louise Smith, '77,** to Barry B. Baber, June 25. He is

## A Christmas Prayer

Lord, the house is silent, dark and deep. It is Christmas Eve.
The presents are all laid out; the children, asleep.
I sit here in solitude, marveling at all Thou hast done for me,
And this year I, so little for Thee.
Forgive me, Lord, for faintness of heart,
For weakness of character, for want of energy to do my part.
The year is almost done, another dawns.
Grant me joy and peace in Thee, despite my faults.
Thank Thee most humbly for what Thou has so freely given me.
Thank Thee for all Thou art and ever shall be

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